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AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A DESCRIPTION OF AND
REQUIREMENTS FOR A STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE;
PROVIDING FOR A STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE WITH
A LOGO FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE MEMBERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"66-3-424. STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES
WITH LOGOS. --

A. Standardized special registration plates with
logos may be authorized by statute to show state support for
worthy public purposes. The authorizing statute shall
provide for collection of fees that, at a minimum, will
cover the costs to the division of development, manufacture
and issuance of the special registration plates and logos.

B. Standardized special registration plates, on
the standardized areas, shall:

- (1) display the colors of the state flag,
red lettering on a yellow background;
- (2) display the phrases "New Mexico USA"
and "Land of Enchantment";
- (3) provide a space for applying the
special registration logo, centered at the left edge of the

1 plate, between the attachment holes, beginning one-fourth
2 inch in from the edge of the plate and having the following
3 dimensions: four and one-eighth inches in height and three
4 and one-eighth inches in width; and

5 (4) provide a vehicle registration number,
6 to be assigned by the division, that consists of five
7 alphanumeric characters displayed to the right of the
8 special logo area.

9 C. Special registration logos, except for the
10 standard dimension specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection
11 B of this section, shall be left to the design discretion of
12 the division, in consultation with the public purpose
13 interest group that requests the special registration plate.

14 D. Standardized special registration plates with
15 logos, when authorized by statute for a particular public
16 purpose interest group, shall meet the requirements
17 specified in this subsection prior to plate issuance by the
18 division. The public purpose interest group, no later than
19 the effective date of the authorizing statute:

20 (1) shall provide evidence acceptable to
21 the division that it will generate a minimum number of
22 prepaid applications as determined by the division for the
23 special registration plate with logo;

24 (2) shall provide a prepayment to the
25 division in an amount sufficient to cover the plate and logo

1 cost of the initial order;

2 (3) shall provide a sample of the requested
3 artwork design in a format specified by the plate
4 manufacturer for the specialized logo; and

5 (4) in cases where the authorizing statute
6 includes revenue sharing with distribution directed to a
7 particular group or fund, shall show that the recipient is a
8 governmental entity or a fund authorized for the use of a
9 governmental entity.

10 E. The division may promulgate rules for
11 implementation of the provisions of this section. "

12 Section 2. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
13 Section 66-3-424.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

14 "66-3-424.1. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR SEARCH
15 AND RESCUE MEMBERS. --

16 A. The department shall issue a standardized
17 special registration plate with a logo specified in Section
18 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient is a search
19 and rescue member.

20 B. For a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00),
21 which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle
22 registration fees, a motor vehicle owner who is a search and
23 rescue member may apply for the issuance of a special
24 registration plate as defined in Subsection A of this
25 section. No two owners shall be issued identically lettered

1 or numbered plates.

2 C. The twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) fee provided
3 in Subsection B of this section shall be waived for each
4 registration period in which a validating sticker is issued
5 under the provisions of Section 66-3-17 NMSA 1978, in lieu
6 of the issuance of a special search and rescue member plate.

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8 D. The revenue from the special search and
9 rescue member registration plate fee imposed by Subsection B
10 of this section shall be distributed as follows:

11 (1) ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee
12 collected for each registration plate shall be retained by
13 the department and is appropriated to the department for the
14 manufacture and issuance of the registration plates; and

15 (2) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the fee
16 collected for each registration plate shall be paid to the
17 state treasurer for credit to the motor vehicle suspense
18 fund for distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23
19 NMSA 1978. "

20 Section 3. Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
21 Chapter 35, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "66-6-23. DISPOSITION OF FEES. --

23 A. After the necessary disbursements for refunds
24 and other purposes have been made, the money remaining in
25 the motor vehicle suspense fund, except for remittances

1 received within the previous two months that are
2 unidentified as to source or disposition, shall be
3 distributed as follows:

4 (1) to each municipality, county or fee
5 agent operating a motor vehicle field office:

6 (a) an amount equal to six dollars
7 (\$6.00) per driver's license and three dollars (\$3.00) per
8 identification card or motor vehicle or motorboat
9 registration or title transaction performed; and

10 (b) for each such agent determined by
11 the secretary pursuant to Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 to have
12 performed ten thousand or more transactions in the preceding
13 fiscal year, other than a class A county with a population
14 exceeding three hundred thousand or a municipality with a
15 population exceeding three hundred thousand that has been
16 designated as an agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA
17 1978, an amount equal to one dollar (\$1.00) in addition to
18 the amount distributed pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this
19 paragraph for each driver's license, identification card,
20 motor vehicle registration, motorboat registration or title
21 transaction performed;

22 (2) to each municipality or county, other
23 than a class A county with a population exceeding three
24 hundred thousand or a municipality with a population
25 exceeding three hundred thousand designated as an agent

1 pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, operating a motor
2 vehicle field office, an amount equal to fifty cents (\$.50)
3 for each administrative service fee remitted by that county
4 or municipality to the department pursuant to the provisions
5 of Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

6 (3) to the state road fund:

7 (a) an amount equal to the fees
8 collected pursuant to Section 66-7-413.4 NMSA 1978;

9 (b) an amount equal to the fee
10 collected pursuant to Section 66-3-417 NMSA 1978;

11 (c) the remainder of each driver's
12 license fee collected by the department employees from an
13 applicant to whom a license is granted after deducting from
14 the driver's license fee the amount of the distribution
15 authorized in Paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect
16 to that collected driver's license fee; and

17 (d) an amount equal to fifty percent
18 of the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978;

19 (4) to the local governments road fund, the
20 amount of the fees collected pursuant to Subsection B of
21 Section 66-5-33.1 NMSA 1978 and the remainder of the fees
22 collected pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-5-408 NMSA
23 1978;

24 (5) to the department:

25 (a) any amounts reimbursed to the

1 department pursuant to Subsection C of Section 66-2-14.1
2 NMSA 1978;

3 (b) an amount equal to two dollars
4 (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected
5 pursuant to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

6 (c) an amount equal to the fees
7 provided for in Subsection D of Section 66-2-7 NMSA 1978,
8 Subsection E of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978, Subsections J and
9 K of Section 66-3-6 NMSA 1978 other than the administrative
10 fee, Subsection C of Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 and
11 Subsection B of Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978;

12 (d) the amounts due to the department
13 pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection E of Section 66-3-
14 419 NMSA 1978, Subsection E of Section 66-3-422 NMSA 1978,
15 Subsection E of Section 66-3-423 NMSA 1978 and Paragraph (2)
16 of Subsection D of Section 66-3-424.1 NMSA 1978; and

17 (e) an amount equal to the
18 registration fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.1
19 NMSA 1978 for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of
20 the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and for creating
21 and maintaining a multilanguage noncommercial driver's
22 license testing program;

23 (6) to each New Mexico institution of
24 higher education, an amount equal to that part of the fees
25 distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of

1 Section 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 proportionate to the number of
2 special registration plates issued in the name of the
3 institution to all such special registration plates issued
4 in the name of all institutions;

5 (7) to the armed forces veterans license
6 fund, the amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2)
7 of Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978;

8 (8) to the children's trust fund, the
9 amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of
10 Subsection D of Section 66-3-420 NMSA 1978;

11 (9) to the state highway and transportation
12 department, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant
13 to Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978;

14 (10) to the state equalization guarantee
15 distribution made annually pursuant to the general
16 appropriation act, an amount equal to one hundred percent of
17 the driver safety fee collected pursuant to Subsection D of
18 Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978;

19 (11) to the motorcycle training fund, two
20 dollars (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee
21 collected pursuant to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;

22 (12) to the highway infrastructure fund,
23 all tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions
24 of Sections 66-6-1, 66-6-2, 66-6-4, 66-6-5 and 66-6-8 NMSA
25 1978;

1 (13) to each county, an amount equal to
2 fifty percent of the fees collected pursuant to Section
3 66-6-19 NMSA 1978 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of
4 which is the total mileage of public roads maintained by the
5 county and the denominator of which is the total mileage of
6 public roads maintained by all counties in the state; and

7 (14) to the litter control and
8 beautification fund, an amount equal to the fees collected
9 pursuant to Section 66-6-6.2 NMSA 1978.

10 B. The balance, exclusive of unidentified
11 remittances, shall be distributed in accordance with Section
12 66-6-23.1 NMSA 1978.

13 C. If any of the paragraphs, subsections or
14 sections referred to in Subsection A of this section are
15 recompiled or otherwise redesignated without a corresponding
16 change to Subsection A of this section, the reference in
17 Subsection A of this section shall be construed to be the
18 recompiled or redesignated paragraph, subsection or
19 section. "

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20 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- Except for Section 1 of
21 this act, the effective date of the provisions of this act
22 is January 1, 2004. The effective date of the provisions of
23 Section 1 of this act is July 1, 2003. _____
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